

A Very Possessed Christmas

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Two middle-class couples, ROGER and WENDY, POLLY and WALTER, are sitting in a living room at Christmas-time, amidst a decorated Christmas tree, fire in the fireplace, assorted other indications of the holiday season.

POLLY

I am SO tired of how Christmas has gotten SO commercial.

WALTER

I know! And it gets worse every year! EVERYONE hates Christmas!

ROGER

Oh well, if you're so sick of Christmas, you should look at a book Wendy just picked up at Maja's.

POLLY

Maja's? You mean that bookstore that has all of those strange, ancient occult books?

ROGER

Yeah, that's the one. (ROGER gets a book from a nearby bookshelf and hands it to POLLY).

POLLY

Ooh, listen to the title, "How To Defeat Christmas With The Black Arts".

ALL break out laughing.

WENDY

How could I resist a title like that? I immediately fell under its spell and had to buy it!

WALTER

Let me see that. (WALTER takes the book from POLLY)

POLLY

Hey!

WALTER

(finding a page at random and reading) "Once you have scrubbed your pinkies and your pinky fingernails, you are then ready to summon Brinwah. Repeat the phrase two times, 'Brinwah, it's okay, my left is your right, me not mad.' Do this while holding your left pinky with your right thumb." Okay, sounds fair.

ROGER

Where are you going, Walter? You're not really going to scrub your pinkies?

WENDY

And your pinky fingernails – don't forget to scrub your pinky fingernails!

ROGER

Oh great, now we're summoning Brinwah. Does anyone know anything about this Brinwah?

WALTER

(returning from scrubbing his pinkies in the kitchen) So, let's see, "...scrub your...", ah, here we are, "Brinwah, it's okay, my left is your right, me not mad. Brinwah, it's okay, my left is your right, me not mad."

Suddenly the lights in the room change color momentarily.

WALTER

I am Brinwah. I am now in Walter's body. I see, feel and know everything that is Walter.

WENDY

Oh my goodness, did you see the lights in the room change? That was really strange!

WALTER

I know everything that is Walter, even though I'm Brinwah.

POLLY

Oh knock it off, Walter.

WALTER

And now, Wendy, I shall use you as the vessel through which I shall bring Makpih to this place. Makpih, return! Makpih, return to me!

The lights in the room change color momentarily again.

WENDY

I am Makpih.

WALTER

Makpih! It is SO great to SEE you!

ROGER

Okay you guys, knock it off!

WENDY

I am SO glad you summoned me, Brinwah! Say, this is a really neat place! And plus, I know all that is Wendy. I AM Wendy. This is SO GREAT!

WALTER

I also summon Gertin to use ROGER as his vessel.

ROGER

Wow, thanks Brinwah! Gertin here! Hey, and I know all that is Roger!

POLLY

You guys, I was only saying how commercial Christmas is, that doesn't mean you have to get all evil on me!

WALTER

Hey, Makwih and Gertin, who should I summon to use Polly as her vessel?

ROGER

Let's summon Morwim, no wait, Stapton, let's summon Stapton.

WENDY

Oh, I bet she'd love all this Christmas stuff. Wow, do these people know how to come up with a holiday or what?

WALTER

Stapton, I summon you to the vessel known as Polly.

POLLY

Okay, that's it, Walter, we're going home.

The lights in the room change color momentarily again.

POLLY

I am Stapton. I know all that is Polly.

WALTER

Stapton!

WENDY

It's like the old crowd is back together! Stapton, it's me, Makpih!

POLLY

Makpih!

WENDY

And that's Gertin in Roger and Makwih is possessing Walter.

WALTER

Isn't all this Christmas stuff terrific?

POLLY

It is the GREATEST holiday!

ROGER

You know, you leave the material plane for 10,000 years, and it's like, you'd hardly recognize the place!

WENDY

Amazing what they've done with it!

POLLY

There is so much cool stuff! I can't wait until we exchange gifts next week.

WALTER

And wait 'til you see what Walter got you.

POLLY

What? What did you get me?

WALTER

Now now, no fair trying to unwrap your gift early! You'll just have to wait to see what I got you on Christmas.

ROGER

I could not be more filled with the holiday spirit!

WENDY

I love Christmas!

ROGER

So much better than Pookpook.

POLLY

Well, Pookpook – remember how commercial Pookpook got? And no presents.

WALTER

Yeah! And what about the songs they have for Christmas? Uh, let's see, "Dashing through the snow...."

ROGER

"In a one horse open sleigh–"

ALL continue singing "Jingle Bells".

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